

LAOS BRIEFINGS

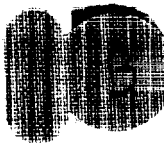
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28 Oct 1969	Symington Subcommittee	Fulbright, Symington
30 Jan 1970	Combined Senate CIA Subcommittees	Fulbright, Symington
13 Mar 1970	Senate Foreign Relations	Fulbright, Symington
20 Mar 1970	Combined Senate CIA Subcommittees	Symington
7 July 1970	Senate Foreign Relations	Fulbright, Symington
19 Nov 1970	Senate Appropriations	Symington

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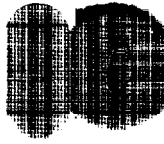
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2 October 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Briefing of CIA Subcommittees of Senate Appropriations
and Senate Armed Services Committees - 26 September 1969

1. On 26 September 1969, the Director appeared before the CIA Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee. The members of the CIA Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Services Committee were invited to attend. The meeting lasted from 1400 to 1700 hours. A technical sweep of the room, S-126 in the Capitol, was conducted and the room was kept under technical monitoring throughout. Discussions included SI, TKH and [redacted] material. No transcript was made.

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2. Present from the Appropriations Subcommittee were:

Richard B. Russell (D., Ga.), Chairman
Allen J. Ellender (D., La.)
Milton R. Young (R., N. Dak.)
Karl E. Mundt (R., S. Dak.)

3. Present from the Armed Services Subcommittee were:

John Stennis (D., Miss.), Chairman
Stuart Symington (D., Mo.)

4. Present from the staff were:

William Woodruff, Assistant Chief Clerk, Senate
Appropriations Committee
T. Edward Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed
Services Committee

5. Accompanying the Director were:

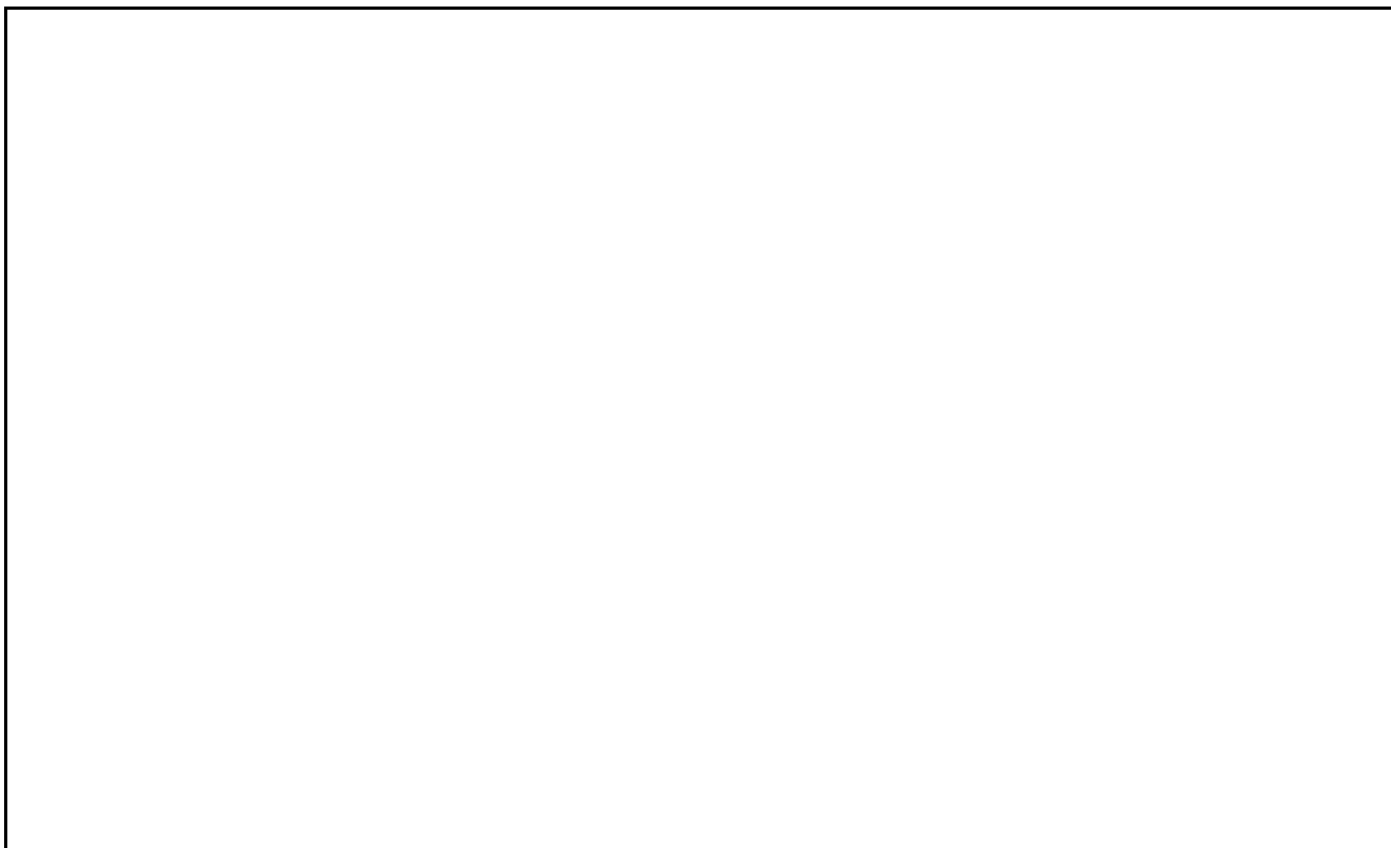
L. K. White, Executive Director-Comptroller
Carl Duckett, Deputy Director for Science and Technology
John Clarke, Director of Planning, Programming and Budgeting
[redacted] Senior Advisor, OPPB
[redacted] Deputy Legislative Counsel

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6. The Director turned the briefing over to Colonel White who proceeded with his prepared budget briefing using slides, charts and a film. During the discussion of the R&D program, Colonel White asked Mr. Duckett to brief the members on the [] program. Mr. Duckett proceeded with the briefing using []

[] At the conclusion of Mr. Duckett's briefing, Senator Russell said "I admire your enthusiasm Mr. Duckett. I wish I shared it." (Mr. Braswell commented after the briefing that Russell's statement should not be taken too literally. He interpreted it merely as skepticism. He said if Russell was opposed to the project, his opposition would have been registered in no uncertain terms.)

7. There were a number of interruptions during Colonel White's briefing. There follows a rough summary of the more pertinent questions and answers:



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2 February 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Briefing of the CIA Subcommittees of Senate
Armed Services and Appropriations - 30 January 1970

1. The Director appeared before the combined CIA Subcommittees of Senate Armed Services and Appropriations on 30 January 1970. The meeting commenced at 10:30 a.m. and ran until 12:40 p.m. A technical sweep of the room, 212 Old Senate Office Building, was conducted and the room was kept under technical monitoring throughout. The briefing and discussion included SI and TKH material. No transcript was taken.

2. Present for all or part of the session were:

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee

Richard B. Russell (D., Ga.), Chairman
Allen J. Ellender (D., La.)
Milton R. Young (R., N. Dak.)

Senate Armed Services Subcommittee

John Stennis (D., Miss.)
Stuart Symington (D., Mo.)
Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.)
Peter H. Dominick (R., Colo.)

Invitees from Senate Foreign Relations Committee

J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.)
Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.)
George Aiken (R., Vt.)

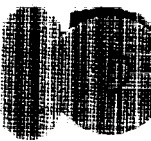
Subcommittee staffs

William Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations
T. Edward Braswell, Chief of Staff, Senate Armed Services

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Director

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JLW

In view of the likelihood that at least Senators Fulbright and Symington will want to go into our involvement in Laos during our upcoming Foreign Relations appearance, we have reviewed our records to see what has been said to them on this subject in the past.

Attached are:

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a. A list of briefings since January 1968 where one or both of these Senators were present and where Laos was discussed.

b. For each of these briefings, an index, by subject and page number of the transcript, where matters relating to Laos were mentioned. (These transcripts are available in my office.)

c. Where no transcript was taken, I attach a copy of my memo on which I have marked any references to our Laotian operation.

d. A paper we provided Senator Stennis indicating that as of July 1970 a total of 43 Senators have on various occasions been briefed regarding Agency support of Laotian guerrillas.

John M. Maury
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